

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 767

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Edith Royal and welcome her to the Capitol; and

**WHEREAS**, Edith Royal is a much beloved and respected Texan whose many contributions to the Texas Longhorn football program and countless philanthropic efforts have made her a legendary figure in the Lone Star State; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Royal played a vital role in the success of her husband, the late Darrell Royal; she provided him steadfast and loyal support as he built the Longhorns into one of the most successful programs in the history of college football; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the many demands placed on her as a coach's wife, she made the time to participate in a wide variety of philanthropic activities, notably in support of education on drug and alcohol abuse and recovery; she was a founder of the Children's Advocacy Center and a founding board member of the Austin chapter of the Palmer Drug Abuse Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Following the death of her husband from Alzheimer's disease, she devoted her charitable efforts to fighting the illness; she established the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease, which has raised well in excess of \$1 million to fund research toward finding a cure; it is truly fitting that she receive special recognition for her outstanding philanthropic efforts; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Edith Royal on her many contributions to our state and extend to her best wishes for the continued success of the Darrell K Royal Research Fund for Alzheimer's Disease; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Zaffirini, Nelson, Watson

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 11, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate

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